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Agriculture

(742)
- HR 2997: Fiscal 2010 Agriculture Appropriations - Motion to Instruct

September 29, 2009 - Kingston, R-Ga., motion to instruct conferees to approve the final conference agreement only if it has been available to the managers for at least 72 hours. Motion agreed to 359-41.

Vote: Yea

Business and Labor

(722)
- HR 3548: Unemployment Benefits Extension - Passage

September 22, 2009 - McDermott, D-Wash., motion to suspend the rules and pass

the bill that would provide an additional 13 weeks of unemployment benefits for workers in states with a three-month average unemployment rate of at least 8.5 percent. It would extend through 2010 a tax rate of 6.2 percent on certain wages. Motion agreed to 331-83.

Vote: Yea

(726) - HR 3614: Small-Business Programs Extension - Passage

September 23, 2009 - Velazquez, D-N.Y., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would extend through Oct. 31, 2009, the authorization of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958. Motion agreed to 417-2.

Vote: Yea

Congress and the Federal Government

(691)
- HR 2097: Star Spangled Banner Commemorative Coin - Passage

September 09, 2009 - Watt, D-N.C., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would authorize the Treasury to mint coins commemorating the 200th anniversary of the writing of the "Star Spangled Banner." It would authorize surcharges on the coins to be paid to the Maryland War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission. Motion agreed to 419-1.

Vote: Yea

(692)
- HR 2498: William Lipinski Federal Building - Passage

September 09, 2009 - Norton, D-D.C., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would designate a federal building in Chicago, Ill., as the "William O. Lipinski Federal Building."

Motion agreed to 419-0.

Vote: Yea

(693)

- H Res 722: Sept. 11 Remembrance - Adoption

September 09, 2009 - Berman, D-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would recognize Sept. 11 as a day of remembrance and service, extend sympathies to the loved ones of the victims of the 2001 terrorist attacks, honor the actions of first-responders and armed forces, and express gratitude to the nations that continue to stand in solidarity with the United States against terrorism. Motion agreed to 416-0.

Vote: Yea

(699)

- H Res 744: Disapproval of Rep. Wilson Conduct - Adoption

September 15, 2009 - Adoption of the privileged resolution that would express the disapproval of the House over the behavior of Rep. Joe Wilson, R-S.C., in breaching decorum and degrading proceedings to the discredit of the House during the joint session of Congress on Sept. 9, 2009.

Adopted 240-179.

Vote: Nay

(721)

- HR 2971: Martin Luther King Jr. Post Office - Passage

September 22, 2009 - Lynch, D-Mass., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would designate a post office in Portland, Ore., as the "Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Post Office." Motion agreed to 411-0.

Vote: Yea

(725)
- HR 2215: John J. Shiven Post Office - Passage

September 23, 2009 - Lynch, D-Mass., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would designate a post office in Garden City, Mich., as the "John J. Shiven Post Office Building."

Motion agreed to 423-0.

Vote: Yea

(734)
- HR 2918: Fiscal 2010 Legislative Branch Appropriations - Motion to Instruct

September 23, 2009 - Aderholt, R-Ala., motion to instruct conferees to: disagree to any proposition that would violate a rule that requires modifications to be germane; insist on provisions that do not allow funds to be used to restrict guided tours of the Capitol by members' offices; and approve the final conference agreement only if it has been available to the managers for at least 48 hours. Motion rejected 191-213.

Vote: Yea

(739)
- HR 2918: Fiscal 2010 Legislative Branch Appropriations - Conference Report

September 25, 2009 - Adoption of the conference report on the bill that would appropriate \$4.6 billion in fiscal 2010 for legislative branch operations. It

would provide \$1.3 billion for operations of the House of Representatives, \$926 million for operations of the Senate, \$602 million for the Architect of the Capitol, and \$643 million for the Library of Congress. It also would provide \$557 million for the Government Accounting Office, \$328.3 million for the Capitol Police, \$147 million for the Government Printing Office, and \$45 million for the Congressional Budget Office. It also would provide continuing appropriations through Oct. 31, 2009, for all federal departments and agencies whose fiscal 2010 appropriations bills have not been enacted. Funding would be set at fiscal 2009 levels, with some exceptions. It also would reduce required Postal Service payments to retiree health benefits by \$3 billion, extend surface transportation programs and prohibit funds from being provided to the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN). Adopted (thus sent to the Senate) 217-190.

Vote: Nay

Domestic Issues

(690)

- H Res 447: American Council of Engineering Companies Anniversary - Adoption

September 09, 2009 - Tonko, D-N.Y., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would recognize the 100th anniversary of the American Council of Engineering Companies.

Motion agreed to 420-0.

Vote: Yea

(696)

- H Res 6: National Coach Appreciation Week - Adoption

September 14, 2009 - Sablan, D-N. Marianas, motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would recognize the contribution coaches make in the lives of children who participate in organized sports, and support the goals and encourage the observation of National Coach Appreciation Week. Motion agreed to 388-0.

Vote: Yea

(697)

- H Res 459: National Safety Month - Adoption

September 14, 2009 - Sablan, D-N. Marianas, motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would support the designation and encourage the observation of National Safety Month and recognize the National Safety Council for raising awareness about the need for safe practices in schools and workplaces. Motion agreed to 386-0.

Vote: Yea

(698)

- H Con Res 59: Senior Caregiver Recognition - Adoption

September 14, 2009 - Sablan, D-N. Marianas, motion to suspend the rules and adopt the concurrent resolution that would recognize caregiving as a profession and encourage individuals to provide care to family, friends and neighbors. It would call on Congress to fund programs that address needs of seniors and family caregivers, and encourage the Health and Human Services secretary to continue educating on the impact of aging and the importance of knowing options available to seniors who need care. Motion agreed to 387-0.

Vote: Yea

(700)

- H Res 317: Kansas City Animal Health Corridor - Adoption

September 15, 2009 - Holden, D-Pa., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would recognize the Kansas City Animal Health Corridor as the region from Manhattan, Kan., to Columbia, Mo., and as the national center of the animal health industry. It would express a commitment from the House to establish a favorable business environment and support animal health research to foster continued growth of the animal health industry. Motion agreed to 312-108.

Vote: Yea

(701)

- HR 22: Postal Service Retiree Health Benefits - Passage

September 15, 2009 - Towns, D-N.Y., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would lower the amount the U.S. Postal Service is required to contribute to the Postal Service Retiree Health Benefits Fund in fiscal 2009 to \$1.4 billion from \$5.4 billion. Motion agreed to 388-32.

Vote: Yea

(702)

- HR 3137: Postal Service Donations for Plaques - Passage

September 15, 2009 - Towns, D-N.Y., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would allow the U.S. Postal Service to accept monetary donations for plaques in connection with the commemorative designation of postal facilities and require the Postal Service, after receiving sufficient amounts, to provide a plaque within 120 days of a facility designation. Motion agreed to 414-0.

Vote: Yea

(704)

- H Res 260: Lowering Infant Mortality Rate - Adoption September 16, 2009 - Cohen, D-Tenn., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would acknowledge the United States has a high infant mortality rate and support efforts to lower the rate and correct racial disparities in prenatal care. Motion agreed to 415-0.

Vote: Yea

(724)

- H Res 765: Condolences for Georgia Flood Victims - Adoption

September 23, 2009 - Oberstar, D-Minn., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would express condolences to the families of those killed during the storms and floods in Georgia between Sept. 18 and 21, 2009, and express gratitude to emergency personnel. Motion agreed to 421-0.

Vote: Yea

(729)

- H Res 696: Western Wyoming Community College Anniversary - Adoption

September 23, 2009 - Hirono, D-Hawaii, motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would congratulate Western Wyoming Community College on its 50th anniversary.

Motion agreed to 418-0.

Vote: Yea

(736)

- H Con Res 163: National Job Corps Day - Adoption

September 24, 2009 - Lynch, D-Mass., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the concurrent resolution that would support the designation of National Job Corps Day and encourage states and local governments to observe the day with activities. Motion agreed to 413-4.

Vote: Yea

(741)

- H Res 16: National Life Insurance Awareness Month - Adoption

September 29, 2009 - Lynch, D-Mass., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would support the goals and ideals of National Life Insurance Awareness Month. Motion agreed to 394-1.

Vote: Yea

Education

(710)

- HR 3221: Student Loan Overhaul - School Construction Funding

September 17, 2009 - Hoekstra, R-Mich., amendment that would strike provisions in the bill that would authorize \$6.6 billion for school construction programs in elementary and secondary public schools, as well as institutions of higher education. Rejected in Committee of the Whole 161-262.

Vote: Yea

(711)

- HR 3221: Student Loan Overhaul - Duplicative Funding Ban

September 17, 2009 - McMorris Rodgers, R-Wash., amendment that would bar the use of school construction funds authorized in the bill to assist local educational agencies that receive funding for school modernization and repair under the 2009 economic stimulus law. Rejected in Committee of the Whole 167-251.

Vote: Yea

(712)

- HR 3221: Student Loan Overhaul - American Graduation Initiative

September 17, 2009 - Foxx, R-N.C., amendment that would eliminate provisions in the bill related to the American Graduation Initiative, which includes grants for community college programs, and \$7 billion in authorization for the initiative. Rejected in Committee of the Whole 126-301.

Vote: Yea

(713)

- HR 3221: Student Loan Overhaul - Financial Literacy Programs

September 17, 2009 - Himes, D-Conn., amendment that would make several modifications to the bill regarding financial literacy programs, including authorizing states to use certain grant funds for programs to provide financial literacy education and counseling to elementary, secondary and postsecondary students that include an examination of how financial planning may impact a student's ability to pursue postsecondary education. Adopted in Committee of the Whole 428-2: R 171-1.

Vote: Yea

(714)

- HR 3221: Student Loan Overhaul - Armed Forces Credit Transfer

September 17, 2009 - Minnick, D-Idaho, amendment that would specify that academic credits earned while serving in the armed forces transferred between institutions of higher education would be part of a benchmark aimed at improving employment and education programs. The benchmark would be developed by an institution receiving one of the community college reform grants. Adopted in Committee of the Whole 428-0.

Vote: Yea

(715)

- HR 3221: Student Loan Overhaul - Dislocated Workers

September 17, 2009 - Schauer, D-Mich., amendment that would direct the Education Department, in awarding grants to schools, states, and non-profits for programs to increase the number of individuals with postsecondary degrees or certificates, to give priority to applications that include activities to encourage dislocated workers to complete postsecondary education opportunities. Adopted in Committee of the Whole 425-5.

Vote: Yea

(716)

- HR 3221: Student Loan Overhaul - Deficit Reduction

September 17, 2009 - Teague, D-N.M., amendment that would specify that all savings in federal expenditures not otherwise allocated in the bill be used for deficit reduction. Adopted in Committee of the Whole 425-0.

Vote: Yea

(717)

- HR 3221: Student Loan Overhaul - Republican Substitute

September 17, 2009 - Guthrie, R-Ky., substitute amendment that would extend the temporary authority of the Education Department to purchase student loans to July 1, 2014, and require a study to be conducted to make recommendations for the development of a federal student loan program that incorporates a partnership between the federal government and the private sector.

Rejected in Committee of the Whole 165-265.

Vote: Yea

(718)

- HR 3221: Student Loan Overhaul - Recommit

September 17, 2009 - Issa, R-Calif., motion to recommit the bill to the Education and Labor Committee with instructions that it be immediately reported back with language that would bar federal agreements from being entered into with certain organizations, including the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN), prohibit federal funds from being provided to the organizations and bar federal employees or contractors from promoting the organizations. Motion agreed to 345-75.

Vote: Yea

(719)

- HR 3221: Student Loan Overhaul - Passage

September 17, 2009 - Passage of the bill that would terminate the authority of the Federal Family Education Loan program to make or insure new loans after June 30, 2010, and direct the federal government to originate student loans. The legislation would provide for a competitive bidding process for entities to service the loans. The bill would make several modifications to education programs, including increasing funding for Pell grants, early-childhood education and community colleges. As amended, it would bar federal agreements from being entered into with certain organizations, including the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN). Passed 253-171.

Vote: Nay

Energy, Environment, and Federal Land

(687)

- HR 324: Santa Cruz Valley National Heritage Area - Passage

September 08, 2009 - Grijalva, D-Ariz., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would establish the Santa Cruz Valley National Heritage Area in Santa Cruz and Pima counties in Arizona and authorize \$1 million per fiscal year, with a maximum of \$15 million. Motion rejected 249-145.

Vote: Nay

(688)

- HR 310: Boy Scouts Land Conveyance - Passage

September 08, 2009 - Grijalva, D-Ariz., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require the Agriculture Department to convey about 140 acres in the Ouachita National Forest in Oklahoma to the Indian Nations Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Motion agreed to 388-0.

Vote: Yea

(689)

- HR 3123: Leadville Mine Drainage Tunnel - Passage

September 08, 2009 - Grijalva, D-Ariz., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require the Interior Department to maintain the structural integrity of the Leadville Mine Drainage Tunnel in Colorado to prevent tunnel failure and uncontrolled water release, and require the department to implement a specific remedy for the California Gulch Superfund Site by treating water behind tunnel blockage. Motion rejected 206-191.

Vote: Yea

(694)

- HR 965: Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network - Recommit

September 10, 2009 - Hastings, R-Wash., motion to recommit the bill to the Natural Resources Committee with instructions that it be immediately reported back with language that would prevent the bill's provisions from taking effect until the national deficit is less than \$1 trillion. The bill would permanently authorize the Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network and authorize such sums as necessary. Motion rejected 194-229.

Vote: Yea

(695)

- HR 965: Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network - Passage

September 10, 2009 - Passage of the bill that would permanently authorize the Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network and authorize such sums as necessary. Passed 311-107.

Vote: Yea

(727)

- HR 324: Santa Cruz Valley National Heritage Area - Recommit

September 23, 2009 - Bishop, R-Utah, motion to recommit the bill to the Natural Resources Committee with instructions that it be immediately reported back with language that would specify private property could not be included in the National Heritage Area without written consent from the owner, and an owner with private property within the National Heritage Area boundary could have the property removed by written request. It would specify the legislation could not restrict the Homeland Security Department from achieving operational control within the National Heritage Area. Motion agreed to 259-167.

Vote: Yea

(728)

- HR 324: Santa Cruz Valley National Heritage Area - Passage

September 23, 2009 - Passage of the bill that would establish the Santa Cruz Valley National Heritage Area in Santa Cruz and Pima counties in Arizona and authorize \$1 million per fiscal year, with a maximum of \$15 million. It would specify private property could not be included in the National Heritage Area without written consent of the owner, and the bill could not restrict the Homeland Security Department from achieving operational control within the National Heritage Area. Passed 281-142.

Vote: Nay

(740)

- HR 905: Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary - Passage

September 29, 2009 - Bordallo, D-Guam, motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would extend the boundary of the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Border Preserve to include the offshore waters of Presque Isle and Alcona counties in Michigan. Motion agreed to 286-107.

Vote: Nay

(743)

- HR 2442: Bay Area Water Recycling Program Expansion - Passage

September 30, 2009 - Bordallo, D-Guam, motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would authorize \$32.2 million in federal assistance for six water recycling programs in California that would be part of the Bay Area Regional Water Recycling Program.

Motion rejected 240-170.

Vote: Nay

(744) - HR 1771: NOAA Chesapeake Bay Office

- Passage

September 30, 2009 - Bordallo, D-Guam, motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would authorize \$78.9 million for the Chesapeake Bay Office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) from fiscal 2011-14. Motion agreed to 338-78.

Vote: Nay

(745)

- HR 1053: Chesapeake Bay Restoration Report - Passage

September 30, 2009 - Bordallo, D-Guam, motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require the director of the Office of Management and Budget to submit a financial report to Congress listing all federal and state Chesapeake Bay watershed restoration activities.

Motion agreed to 418-1.

Vote: Yea

Healthcare

(737)

- HR 3631: Medicare Premium Adjustment - Passage

September 24, 2009 - Pallone, D-N.J., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would adjust 2010 Medicare premiums to equal 2009 premiums, paid for by a reduction of the same amount to Medicare Improvement Fund expenditures for fiscal 2014. Motion agreed to 406-18.

Vote: Yea

Transportation/Homeland
Security

(705) - HR 3246: Vehicle Research and Development Program - Authorization
Reduction

September 16, 2009 - Hall, R-Texas, amendment that would reduce the bill's authorization to \$2.2 billion from fiscal 2010 to 2013 and subsequently decrease the amounts provided for research projects on medium- and heavy-duty commercial vehicles to \$800 million and user facilities to \$100 million during that same period. Rejected in Committee of the Whole 179-253.

Vote: Yea

(706)

- HR 3246: Vehicle Research and Development Program - Recreational Vehicles Research

September 16, 2009 - Donnelly, D-Ind., amendment that would include recreational vehicles in a research and development program on advanced technologies for medium- and heavy-duty commercial and transit vehicles. Adopted in Committee of the Whole 369-62.

Vote: Yea

(707)

- HR 3246: Vehicle Research and Development Program - Public-Private Partnerships

September 16, 2009 - Massa, D-N.Y., amendment that would direct the Energy Department to support public-private partnerships dedicated to overcoming barriers in commercial application of "transformational" vehicle technologies that utilize specified facilities. Adopted in Committee of the Whole 416-14.

Vote: Yea

(708)

- HR 3246: Vehicle Research and Development Program - Recommit

September 16, 2009 - Broun, R-Ga., motion to recommit the bill to the Science and Technology Committee with instructions that it be immediately reported back with language that would bar the legislation from taking effect until the federal deficit does not exceed \$500 billion and no other funding is authorized for such Energy Department vehicle technologies research and development. Motion rejected 180-245.

Vote: Yea

(709)

- HR 3246: Vehicle Research and Development Program - Passage

September 16, 2009 - Passage of the bill that would require the Energy Department to conduct a research and development program on materials, technologies and processes to reduce petroleum use and emissions from passenger and commercial vehicles. It would authorize \$2.9 billion from fiscal 2010 to 2014 for the program, including \$1.1 billion for research projects on medium- and heavy-duty commercial vehicles, \$115 million for user facilities and \$60 million for a non-road pilot program. Passed 312-114.

Vote: Nay

(731)

- HR 3617: Transportation Funding Extension - Passage

September 23, 2009 - Oberstar, D-Minn., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would extend funding for federal highway, transit, motor carrier safety and highway safety programs from Oct. 1, 2009, through Dec. 31, 2009, or when a multi-year law reauthorizing the programs is enacted, whichever comes earlier. Motion agreed to 335-85.

Vote: Nay

Values

(720)

- H Res 441: Tribute to Catholic Nuns - Adoption

September 22, 2009 - Lynch, D-Mass., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would honor and commend Catholic nuns for their service and sacrifice throughout U.S. history and support the goals of the Women and Spirit: Catholic Sisters in America traveling exhibit, which recognizes the historical contributions of nuns in the United States. Motion agreed to 412-0: R 169-0.

Vote: Yea